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| Notice of Allowability | Application No. | Applicant(s) | |
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| | Examiner | Art Unit | |
| | Thinh H. Nguyen | 2861 | |

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- 1. ☒ This communication is responsive to appeal brief filed 4/4/05.
- 2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2,4-6,8 and 10-12.
- 3. ☒ The drawings filed on 09 July 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
- 4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 - 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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- 5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 - 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
- 7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
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| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT/COMMENT

Reasons for Allowance

Applicant's argument (page 5, 3rd paragraph) with regarding to the rejection of claims 2, 8, and 11-12 has been persuaded. Hoshino suggested a system which compensates for the positions fluctuation along the sub- scan direction (col.9, line 41-56) due to fluctuation in speed caused by each wheel (col.11, lines 18-30). The Examiner agreed with the Applicant that Hoshino does not suggest determining a displacement cause by the fluctuation in speed of the printhead in a predetermined direction (displacement in the main scan) where the speed of wheels is either slow or fast.

Applicant's argument (page 6, 3rd and 4th paragraphs) with regarding to the rejection of claims 4-6, and 10 has been persuaded. Tullis suggested a scanner system using a one dimensional photosensor not an image device comprise an image sensor for generates a one dimensional image.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to examiner Thinh Nguyen at telephone number (571) 272-2257. The examiner can generally be reached Mon-Wed, Thurs from 9:00A – 5:00P. The official fax phone number for the organization is (703) 872-9306. The examiner supervisor, Dave Talbott, can also be reached at (571) 272-1934.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1782.


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